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### **South Carolina's Employment Situation January 2015**

#### *Employment Sets New Record - Continues Upward Momentum*

In January, South Carolina broke yet another record for the number of people working as the total grew to 2,080,031, an increase of approximately 10,841 compared to December's revised estimate.

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 6.6 percent in January, showing no change from the revised December benchmarked estimate. The unemployment rate has remained steady over the past four months, while employment and labor force estimates continue to expand.

The number of unemployed persons was 146,989, marking little change since December 2014. Nationally, the unemployment rate in January 2015 was little changed at 5.7 percent.

#### **Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted<sup>1</sup>)**

Seasonally adjusted, non-farm payroll employment in January increased by 2,500 to reach a record-high of 1,977,700.

- The largest increase was in Leisure and Hospitality (+3,100), followed by Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,600); Education and Health Services (+1,500); Other Services (+900); and Financial Activities (+500).
- Manufacturing (-1,700); Government (-1,400); Professional and Business Services (-1,200); Information (-400); and Construction (-300) recorded losses from December 2014 to January 2015.

Compared to a year ago, seasonally adjusted, non-farm jobs were up 49,500 with a large part of that in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+12,800) and Professional and Business Services (+11,000).

- Increases were also noted in Education and Health Services (+6,200); Leisure and Hospitality (+5,800); Government (+4,800); and Manufacturing (+4,400).
- Smaller gains were seen in Construction (+1,900); Other Services (+1,200); Financial Activities (+1,000); and Information (+400).

## Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted<sup>2</sup>)

The not-seasonally adjusted, non-farm payroll employment in January decreased (30,000) from December 2014 to 1,945,900.

One industry saw growth: Other Services (+400). Industries with substantial decreases were: Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-9,300); Professional and Business Services (-6,600); Government (-5,600); Manufacturing (-2,800); Education and Health Services (-2,700); Construction (-1,400); and Leisure and Hospitality (-1,200). Modest losses were in Information (-400); Financial Activities (-300); and Natural Resources and Mining (-100).

From January 2014 to January 2015, not-seasonally adjusted, non-farm jobs were up 54,200 overall in the Palmetto state. Industries marking strong annual gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+13,500); Professional and Business Services (+10,500); Leisure and Hospitality (+8,100); Government (+5,200); Education and Health Services (+4,900); and Manufacturing (+4,900). Smaller increases were recorded in Construction (+2,600); Financial Activities (+2,100); Other Services (+1,800); and Information (+600).

<sup>1</sup>**Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a more or less regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.

<sup>2</sup>**Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

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# NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide  
January 2015

Industry	January 2015	December 2014	January 2014	December 2014 to January 2015		January 2014 to January 2015	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>1,977,700</b>	<b>1,975,200</b>	<b>1,928,200</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>49,500</b>	<b>2.50%</b>
Construction	83,400	83,700	81,500	-300	-0.36%	1,900	2.28%
Manufacturing	231,600	233,300	227,200	-1,700	-0.73%	4,400	1.90%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	381,200	379,600	368,400	1,600	0.42%	12,800	3.36%
Information	26,600	27,000	26,200	-400	-1.50%	400	1.50%
Financial Activities	97,200	96,700	96,200	500	0.51%	1,000	1.03%
Professional and Business Services	260,100	261,300	249,100	-1,200	-0.46%	11,000	4.23%
Education and Health Services	229,300	227,800	223,100	1,500	0.65%	6,200	2.70%
Leisure and Hospitality	233,400	230,300	227,600	3,100	1.33%	5,800	2.49%
Other Services	72,500	71,600	71,300	900	1.24%	1,200	1.66%
Government	358,600	360,000	353,800	-1,400	-0.39%	4,800	1.34%

# NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide  
January 2015

Industry	January 2015	December 2014	January 2014	December 2014 to January 2015		January 2014 to January 2015	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>1,945,900</b>	<b>1,975,900</b>	<b>1,891,700</b>	<b>-30,000</b>	<b>-1.52%</b>	<b>54,200</b>	<b>2.87%</b>
Natural Resources and Mining	3,800	3,900	3,800	-100	-2.56%	0	0.00%
Construction	82,400	83,800	79,800	-1,400	-1.67%	2,600	3.26%
Manufacturing	231,200	234,000	226,300	-2,800	-1.20%	4,900	2.17%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	376,900	386,200	363,400	-9,300	-2.41%	13,500	3.71%
Information	26,600	27,000	26,000	-400	-1.48%	600	2.31%
Financial Activities	96,700	97,000	94,600	-300	-0.31%	2,100	2.22%
Professional and Business Services	253,400	260,000	242,900	-6,600	-2.54%	10,500	4.32%
Education and Health Services	226,700	229,400	221,800	-2,700	-1.18%	4,900	2.21%
Leisure and Hospitality	217,800	219,000	209,700	-1,200	-0.55%	8,100	3.86%
Other Services	72,000	71,600	70,200	400	0.56%	1,800	2.56%
Government	358,400	364,000	353,200	-5,600	-1.54%	5,200	1.47%

# NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

## South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas January 2015

*Area	January 2015	December 2014	January 2014	December 2014 to January 2015		January 2014 to January 2015	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	1,977,700	1,975,200	1,928,200	2,500	0.13%	49,500	2.50%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	324,400	327,400	317,100	-3,000	-0.92%	7,300	2.25%
Columbia MSA	376,400	374,300	370,400	2,100	0.56%	6,000	1.59%
Florence MSA	85,700	85,000	83,500	700	0.82%	2,200	2.57%
Sumter MSA	38,700	38,900	38,100	-200	-0.52%	600	1.55%

*\*As a result of the new Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) redefinition, there are only four South Carolina MSAs publishable under nonfarm seasonally adjusted employment. MSAs are defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and are the result of the latest published standards from Census Bureau data. (The standards for defining the areas are reviewed and revised once every 10 years, prior to each decennial census). Therefore, with the release of the 2014 benchmark, Current Employment Statistics will incorporate the updates to area definitions based on the new standards from the 2010 Census. As a result of the new standards, breaks have been created in the time series for these areas. Due to the breaks in the time series, the Bureau of Labor Statistics will be unable to publish all of the redefined areas on a seasonally adjusted basis. The South Carolina areas based on the 2010 standards and Census Bureau data were defined in February 2013.*

# NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

## South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas January 2015

**Area	January 2015	December 2014	January 2014	December 2014 to January 2015		January 2014 to January 2015	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	1,945,900	1,975,900	1,891,700	-30,000	-1.52%	54,200	2.87%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	319,300	327,200	310,900	-7,900	-2.41%	8,400	2.70%
Columbia MSA	372,400	376,300	367,300	-3,900	-1.04%	5,100	1.39%
Florence MSA	84,900	85,800	82,600	-900	-1.05%	2,300	2.78%
Greenville MSA	390,300	397,000	378,500	-6,700	-1.69%	11,800	3.12%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	71,300	72,200	68,200	-900	-1.25%	3,100	4.55%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	144,500	148,200	137,400	-3,700	-2.50%	7,100	5.17%
Spartanburg MSA	138,500	141,700	134,800	-3,200	-2.26%	3,700	2.74%
Sumter MSA	38,800	39,200	37,900	-400	-1.02%	900	2.37%

**Note:** Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.

*\*\*As a result of the MSAs redefinition, a new area has been defined, and changes have occurred in three South Carolina not-seasonally adjusted MSAs. The new MSA is Hilton Head Island-Bluffton. The changed MSAs are as follows: Greenville MSA now incorporates Anderson County thereby eliminating the Anderson MSA; Spartanburg now includes Union County; and Myrtle Beach Conway-North Myrtle Beach now includes Brunswick County, N.C.*

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY COUNTY, MSA, AND STATE**  
**(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

AREA		January 2015				December 2014**				January 2014**			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
Allendale County	↑	3,019	2,621	398	13.2	3,273	2,913	360	11.0	3,148	2,756	392	12.5
Bamberg County	↑	5,722	5,032	690	12.1	5,784	5,163	621	10.7	5,567	4,955	612	11.0
Orangeburg County	↑	38,611	34,032	4,579	11.9	40,432	36,228	4,204	10.4	38,999	34,991	4,008	10.3
Marion County	↓	12,974	11,472	1,502	11.6	11,529	10,161	1,368	11.9	11,243	9,726	1,517	13.5
Marlboro County	↑	10,025	8,946	1,079	10.8	11,345	10,334	1,011	8.9	11,175	9,945	1,230	11.0
Williamsburg County	↑	13,202	11,833	1,369	10.4	15,720	14,490	1,230	7.8	15,329	13,877	1,452	9.5
Barnwell County	↑	8,953	8,061	892	10.0	8,308	7,541	767	9.2	8,228	7,283	945	11.5
Lee County	↑	6,567	5,930	637	9.7	8,065	7,498	567	7.0	7,863	7,216	647	8.2
Dillon County	↑	12,784	11,557	1,227	9.6	12,705	11,584	1,121	8.8	12,410	11,111	1,299	10.5
Chester County	↑	13,772	12,459	1,313	9.5	14,892	13,718	1,174	7.9	14,801	13,349	1,452	9.8
Hampton County	↑	8,626	7,803	823	9.5	7,888	7,175	713	9.0	7,555	6,867	688	9.1
Horry County	↑	129,829	117,529	12,300	9.5	126,269	116,084	10,185	8.1	121,847	110,442	11,405	9.4
Georgetown County	↑	25,619	23,212	2,407	9.4	29,782	27,717	2,065	6.9	28,979	26,684	2,295	7.9
Union County	↑	11,659	10,572	1,087	9.3	11,738	10,855	883	7.5	11,641	10,533	1,108	9.5
Clarendon County	↑	13,203	12,044	1,159	8.8	12,314	11,249	1,065	8.6	12,030	10,835	1,195	9.9
McCormick County	↑	3,596	3,279	317	8.8	3,341	3,056	285	8.5	3,270	2,948	322	9.8
Fairfield County	↑	10,047	9,180	867	8.6	9,974	9,262	712	7.1	10,111	9,263	848	8.4
Darlington County	↑	30,031	27,507	2,524	8.4	30,036	27,987	2,049	6.8	29,772	27,400	2,372	8.0
Cherokee County	↑	23,802	21,829	1,973	8.3	25,478	23,774	1,704	6.7	25,233	23,187	2,046	8.1
Calhoun County	↑	6,947	6,388	559	8.0	6,400	5,930	470	7.3	6,366	5,931	435	6.8
Colleton County	↑	16,931	15,623	1,308	7.7	17,166	16,014	1,152	6.7	16,820	15,436	1,384	8.2
Abbeville County	↑	10,554	9,747	807	7.6	10,992	10,262	730	6.6	10,764	9,935	829	7.7
Laurens County	↑	30,140	27,861	2,279	7.6	30,269	28,328	1,941	6.4	29,747	27,786	1,961	6.6
Sumter County	↑	44,360	41,000	3,360	7.6	44,126	41,135	2,991	6.8	44,126	40,850	3,276	7.4
Florence County	↑	64,500	59,659	4,841	7.5	63,214	58,683	4,531	7.2	62,252	57,452	4,800	7.7
Greenwood County	↑	31,907	29,590	2,317	7.3	30,997	28,998	1,999	6.4	30,495	28,244	2,251	7.4
Lancaster County	↑	34,730	32,204	2,526	7.3	33,788	31,589	2,199	6.5	33,479	30,839	2,640	7.9
Chesterfield County	↑	21,461	19,965	1,496	7.0	18,943	17,649	1,294	6.8	18,607	17,046	1,561	8.4
Edgefield County	↑	10,657	9,934	723	6.8	11,003	10,266	737	6.7	10,840	9,983	857	7.9
Kershaw County	↑	28,134	26,223	1,911	6.8	28,975	27,330	1,645	5.7	29,018	27,331	1,687	5.8
Aiken County	↑	73,618	68,764	4,854	6.6	77,359	72,715	4,644	6.0	76,629	70,712	5,917	7.7
Oconee County	↑	34,666	32,426	2,240	6.5	32,041	30,052	1,989	6.2	31,472	29,200	2,272	7.2
Spartanburg County	↑	135,991	127,169	8,822	6.5	140,058	132,289	7,769	5.5	138,106	129,599	8,507	6.2
York County	↓	121,726	113,868	7,858	6.5	113,175	105,338	7,837	6.9	113,576	103,908	9,668	8.5
Pickens County	↑	55,043	51,495	3,548	6.4	57,806	54,717	3,089	5.3	56,844	53,671	3,173	5.6
Beaufort County	↑	68,376	64,042	4,334	6.3	66,781	62,852	3,929	5.9	65,236	61,373	3,863	5.9
Berkeley County	↑	89,580	83,895	5,685	6.3	87,625	82,556	5,069	5.8	85,659	80,639	5,020	5.9
Richland County	↑	192,361	180,220	12,141	6.3	181,469	170,253	11,216	6.2	181,713	170,264	11,449	6.3
Anderson County	↑	86,578	81,223	5,355	6.2	88,407	83,675	4,732	5.4	86,331	81,450	4,881	5.7
Dorchester County	↑	69,291	65,017	4,274	6.2	69,767	66,008	3,759	5.4	68,194	64,475	3,719	5.5
Jasper County	↑	11,195	10,506	689	6.2	10,773	10,187	586	5.4	10,545	9,947	598	5.7
Newberry County	↑	18,711	17,596	1,115	6.0	18,379	17,419	960	5.2	17,805	16,769	1,036	5.8
Saluda County	↑	8,786	8,260	526	6.0	8,769	8,327	442	5.0	8,850	8,328	522	5.9
Charleston County	↑	189,208	178,666	10,542	5.6	179,382	170,141	9,241	5.2	175,739	166,190	9,549	5.4
Greenville County	↑	233,914	220,725	13,189	5.6	232,470	220,891	11,579	5.0	228,568	216,669	11,899	5.2
Lexington County	↑	139,213	131,612	7,601	5.5	134,156	127,475	6,681	5.0	134,235	127,483	6,752	5.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	—	2,227,020	2,080,031	146,989	6.6	2,216,252	2,069,190	147,062	6.6	2,169,451	2,033,489	135,962	6.3

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

Counties are sorted by current month's unemployment rate in descending order.

\*\*2014 substate estimates will be revised at the conclusion of the Bureau of Labor Statistics annual benchmarking process.

\*\* The 2014 substate estimates above are not revised. Bureau of Labor Statistics scheduled publication dates for MSAs benchmark revised estimates are March 20th and for county revisions April 21st.

↑ Unemployment Rate Up  
↓ Unemployment Rate Down  
— Unemployment Rate =